



**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
SIGNAL HILL CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 2015**

An Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Signal Hill City Council was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on March 5, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR FORESTER
COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

ABSENT: MAYOR WILSON

CLOSED SESSION

- a. A closed session was held, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 pertaining to public employee appointment; title of position: Director of Community Services.
- b. A closed session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, regarding transmittal of Civil Service Commission decision regarding Appeal Hearing 2014-11-0001.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Mary La Plante, Signal Hill Employees Association staff representative for labor relations matters from City Employee Associates spoke on item (b).

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 6:05 P.M.

Mayor Wilson entered closed session at 6:05 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wilson invited the Fire Dragons of Camp Fire USA to come forward and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Assistant City Attorney reported on the closed session items. Item (a) was discussed and no reportable action was taken. Item (b) was not discussed; Council will recess to discuss the item at the end of the City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

There was no public business from the floor.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Mayor Wilson introduced Justin Moon and Miles Taylor, new police officers with the Police Department.

Officers Moon and Taylor came forward and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and keep the City safe.

Chief Langston asked the officers to introduce their families in the audience.

Officers Moon and Taylor recited the Law Enforcement's Code of Ethics and Duties.

- b. Introduction of Richard Johnson, new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Coordinator with the Police Department will be agendized in a future Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Members of Camp Fire USA presented City Council with a birthday cake, and Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Camp Fire USA Long Beach in recognition of Camp Fire USA's 105th Birthday.
- b. Mayor Wilson presented a Sustainability Award to owners of the residence at 2070 Raymond Avenue, Michael and Estelle Ashworth.

Council Member Noll complimented the Ashworths on the fabulous job well done and Mrs. Ashworth presented various project details.

- c. Presentation of David Aleshire and Anthony Taylor, California Lawyer – Attorney of the Year 2015 will be agendized in a future Council meeting.

ORDINANCE

- a. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-02-1473, Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-01 Establishing Pedestrian Connection as a Designation on the Official Plan Lines Map

City Manager presented the staff report.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-02-1473 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment 15-01 establishing Pedestrian Connection as a designation on the Official Plan Lines Map of the City of Signal Hill within Section 20.72.085 of the Municipal Code.

Assistant City Attorney read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-02-1473:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-01 ESTABLISHING PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION AS A DESIGNATION ON THE OFFICIAL PLAN LINES MAP OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL WITHIN SECTION 20.72.085 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- a. State Controllers Audit Report – Transportation Funds

City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Wilson asked if any Council Members have clarifying questions and if there are any public comments.

There were no clarifying questions or public comments.

Mayor Wilson commented on the significance of presenting outside agency audit reports before City Council to reflect the jobs well done by City staff.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN for the City to receive and file the State Controllers Audit Report – Transportation Funds.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

b. Cherry Avenue Widening Project Update

City Manager introduced Public Works Director who presented the project update.

City Council asked about the water pumped from the job site, Long Beach Police Department's involvement in addressing traffic issues, and traffic on Junipero Avenue.

Tom Benson, Signal Hill resident commented on left turn detours on 19th Street and Cherry Avenue.

Public Works Director addressed the comments.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to receive and file the update of Cherry Avenue Widening Project.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. L.A. County Willow Avenue Force Main Project Update

City Manager asked Public Works Director to introduce L.A. County Sanitation District (LACSD) Field Engineer Ted Brodeur who presented the project update.

City Council asked about the cause of the project delay, penalties associated with the delay, risks of jacking underground, pipe material being used and the life of the pipe material, and the pipe direction of flow.

Mr. Brodeur addressed each question posed by Council.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to receive and file the update of L.A. County Willow Avenue Force Main Project.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Resolution Declaring Final Acceptance of the 2014 Pavement Management Project No. 670

Summary: All American Asphalt has completed the 2014 Pavement Management Project, No. 670, to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. Staff is recommending final acceptance of the work performed by All American Asphalt.

Recommendation: Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-6121 declaring work to be completed in conformance with the plans and specifications for the 2014 Pavement Management Project, No. 670, in the City of Signal Hill, in accordance with the contract entered into between All American Asphalt and the City of Signal Hill, California.

b. Police Department Information Technology Contract Services Agreement With Total Network Solutions

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a Contract Services Agreement with Total Network Solutions to provide Information Technology Services to the Police Department.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Total Network Solutions to provide IT services to the Police Department for a period of five years with the possibility for extension to an additional two years, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

c. Contract Services Agreement - Park Security Services with Platt Security Incorporated

Summary: The City Council will consider entering into a Contract Services Agreement with Platt Security Incorporated to provide security services to City parks.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Platt Security to provide security services in City parks after closing hours for a period of 3 years with the possibility for extension to an additional two years, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

d. Claim for Damages

Summary: The City has received a claim for financial reimbursement from Allstate Insurance/Myers.

Recommendation: Deny the claim of Allstate Insurance/Myers.

e. Warrant Register Dated March 5, 2015

Summary: The Warrant Register is a listing of all general checks issued since the prior warrant register and warrants to be released upon City Council approval.

Recommendation: Authorize payment of Warrant Register dated March 5, 2015.

f. Minutes of the Following Meeting

Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve.

Council Member Hansen requested pulling item (c) from the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL and seconded by VICE MAYOR FORESTER to approve the Consent Calendar items (a), (b), and (d) through (f).

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

c. Contract Services Agreement - Park Security Services with Platt Security Incorporated

City Manager introduced Chief of Police who presented the staff report.

It was moved by VICE MAYOR FORESTER and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Contract Services Agreement with Platt Security to provide security services in City parks after closing hours for a period of 3 years with the possibility for extension to an additional two years, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNCIL AGENDA--NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Woods reported on her attendance at the State Water Project Tour and expressed her impressed view on water as a California state resource.

Council Member Woods announced the final Signal Hill 90th Anniversary celebration project will be revealed following the next City Council Meeting at the Mayor's Reception.

Council Member Noll voiced complaints regarding U.S. mail delays.

City Manager addressed the concern.

City Council inquired about the two houses on Hill Street that belong to the City of Long Beach, suggested a photo of the western house be submitted at the court hearing, inquired if any City staff has attended court hearings, and suggested staff update City Council regularly with progress of the court hearings.

Public Works Director reported on findings following his meeting with the Deputy City Manager of Long Beach and addressed the questions.

Council Member Hansen expressed gratitude and appreciation for her re-election, read an email received from a Signal Hill resident discouraging voters to vote on Election Day, and commented on the importance of citizens' right to vote.

Vice Mayor Forester commented on the right to vote is a privilege and thanked voters who exercised their civic duty and voted on Election Day.

Mayor Wilson congratulated everyone who participated in the Election, expressed importance of a citizen's right and duty to vote, and suggested bringing back to Council for review the moving of future City elections to even years due the recent election's low turnout.

Assistant City Attorney advised that a City Charter amendment is necessary to change election years by ballot item in the next scheduled election or through a special election.

City Council asked staff to present a report assessing the cost of conducting a special election.

Mayor Wilson commented the Costco Gas Station right turn only requirement is not working and Director of Community Development addressed the concern.

Mayor Wilson congratulated the Historical Society for putting on the recent Casino Night fundraising event.

Mayor Wilson announced the Rock for Vets Stuff the Truck event in conjunction with Meals on Wheels of Long Beach throughout the month of March. The organizations receive monetary award based on the total weight of the donated gently used items. The drop off dates are March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and 29th, between 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Long Beach Scottish Rite parking lot, 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach. Please call Meals on Wheels (562) 438-6215 or Rock for Vets (866) 597-1116 for information.

Member Hansen urged support for the organizations.

Mayor announced the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is circulating the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2016–2040 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy. The 30-day public comment period from March 9, 2015 to April 7, 2015 seeks input from interested parties on the scope and content of the 2016 RTP/SCS Draft PEIR. Additional information will be available on the Signal Hill Website or the following link <http://rtpscscs.scag.ca.gov/2016PEIR>.

Vice Mayor Forester elaborated on the PEIR and the importance of community awareness.

It was moved by COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN and seconded by COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL to adjourn tonight's meeting to closed session. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755.

The following vote resulted:

AYES: MAYOR WILSON
 VICE MAYOR FORESTER
 COUNCIL MEMBER HANSEN
 COUNCIL MEMBER NOLL
 COUNCIL MEMBER WOODS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

MAYOR WILSON adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Edward H. J. Wilson
Mayor

Attest:

Robert D. Copeland
City Clerk